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SUBJECT: TEXT OF STATEMENT READ AT NOON BRIEFING, MARCH 17

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PREPARED STATEMENT READ BY DEPARTMENT  
SPOKESMAN AT NOON BRIEFING MARCH 17. SEE WIRELESS  
FILE FOR NUMEROUS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS THIS STIMULATED.

WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE THAT  
A DEFENSE DEPARTMENT AUDIT COMMENCED IN MAY 1974 HAS  
RESULTED IN A FINDING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
THAT AMMUNITION FOR CAMBODIA HAVING A VALUE OF 21.5 MILLION  
DOLS REMAINS UNDELIVERED UNDER THE FY 1974 MILITARY  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THIS FINDING WHICH WAS MADE ON  
MARCH 10, 1975, RESULTED IN A CREDIT TO THE CAMBODIAN  
MAP PROGRAM ON MARCH 11, 1975 OF THE UNDER-DELIVERY UNDER  
THE FY 1974 PROGRAM.

THE UNDER-DELIVERY RESULTED FROM A PRACTICE BY THE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY OF PRICING AMMUNITION ON THE  
BASIS OF DELIVERY NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED SOME WEEKS  
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AFTER ACTUAL DELIVERY OF THE AMMUNITION. BECAUSE THE

PROGRAM WAS CARRIED OUT DURING A PERIOD OF RAPIDLY

RISING PRICES, LATE PRICING RESULTED IN OVER CHARGES.

THE COMPUTATION OF THE 21.5 MILLION DOL DIFFERENTIAL  
IN THE PRICING DATES WAS MADE AT THE REQUEST OF THE  
INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. THE  
DISCREPANCY IN DATING WAS DISCLOSED BY A PRIOR US  
DEFENSE DEPARTMENT AUDIT WHICH WAS EXAMINED BY THE  
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. COMPUTATIONS WERE ALL  
MADE BY THE US ARMY (US ARMAMENTS COMMAND).

A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF AMMUNITION PRICING METHODS  
FOR FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS HAS BEEN  
INITIATED. ROBINSON

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